ANU Emeritus Faculty

Unconfirmed Minutes

Minutes of the 60th meeting of the ANUEF Committee held at 3.30 pm on Wednesday 3 March 2005 in the Molony Room, Fellow's Lane Cottage, Fellow's Lane.

PRESENT: Peter McCullagh (Chair), John Sandeman, Peter Stewart, John Grant, Giles Pickford, Peter Scardoni, Nik Fominas, David Walsh, Verna Rosling, Barry Ninham, Ian Mathews.

1. Apologies

Chris Bryant

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the 59th Meeting were confirmed. The Secretary was asked to produce an Action Sheet to add to the Minutes.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Election of Deputy Chair

Members interested in nominating for this position had been asked to contact the Secretary. Peter Stewart indicated an interest, but asked that a decision be deferred to the next meeting to give time for others to consider the issue. This was agreed.

3.2 Revision of Constitution and Membership Rules

The Committee had agreed that the first draft, submitted by Barry Ninham and Peter Stewart, should be reviewed and revisions submitted to the next meeting by Chris Bryant, David Walsh and Giles Pickford. This second draft had been attached to the Agenda in a state of partial completion, as the final draft had missed the Agenda deadline.

The Committee noted that the second draft was orthogonal to the first draft and in a sense the Committee now had two different drafts to consider.

After much discussion it was agreed that two things were needed. The first was a revision of the Constitution made necessary by the passage of time: in other words a simple update. The second was a re-statement of 'Aims' so that the job of Outreach given to Barry Ninham in his portfolio was made easier. These aims would be displayed prominently on the home page of the ANUEF web site.

It was agreed that (a) Peter Stewart should author the Aims document in consultation with colleagues, and (b) that the Secretary should submit a tidying up of the Constitution and the Membership By-Laws.

4. Reports

The Committee considered the following reports.

4.0 Chair's Report Peter McCullagh
There were proposals to extend the reach of the 'Sustainable Australia' Elective to interested High Schools. In 2004 a school in Queensland had followed the course in parallel with the ANU Students using IT Technology and it is hoped to extend the reach of this program innovation. This initiative could also draw on links with Questacon, through Chris Bryant, and RAPlink through Elizabeth Murphy.

Development of the concept of 'University Briefings' is continuing, but as an ANUEF branded program. Peter McCullagh and Nik Fominas are visiting key people in the ACT and Australian Government circles to establish its feasibility.

The report was adopted.

4.1 ACT Govt. & Industry John Sandeman
John Sandeman reported that there had not yet been a lot of activity in most areas, but that the course on Security in collaboration with ADFA was looking promising. The solar energy proposals needed re-booting, as it had gone dead over the election period.

4.2 ANU Civic Interface John Grant
John Grant tabled a report on progress, which was considerable. The wasteland between ANU and City West is going to be transformed over ten years and the ANU has a big influence over the outcomes. The whole project will transform the ANU Civic interface and is a very exciting development.

The report was noted.

4.3 Media Ian Mathews
Ian stated that a draft of the next 'News' had been sent to members for comment.

4.4 Web Site Nik Fominas
Nik updated the Committee on the evolution of the new ANUEF Web Site, all of which was excellent.

4.5 Membership Officer Verna Rosling
Verna tabled a category 5 application to join from Alexander McGoldrick, a leading figure in Diplomatic circles and at the United Nations. The application was approved.

4.6 External Outreach Barry Ninham
4.7 Ideas for the Future Peter Stewart
4.8 Office Manager David Walsh

4.9 Events Giles Pickford

Giles tabled the latest iteration of the ANUEF Lecture series. The committee was pleased to see that new offerings are starting to pour in. The initial slump in this program was put down to the December/January syndrome, and not to any serious decline in interest.

4.10 Treasurer's Report Peter Scardoni

The Treasurer tabled his report. The Committee was pleased to see that the renewal process was going so well. It was agreed that the Membership Officer, Treasurer and Web Site Officer should collaborate on following up on late renewers.

5. Other Business

5.1 Proposed Annual Report

The Committee approved the first draft and authorised the Secretary to approach the whole membership concerning the thumbnail biographical notes to attach to the Annual Report.

5.2 Emerging Artists Support Scheme

The Treasurer will report that about $100 had been received. The underwriter will provide the remaining $4,900 and the funds will be given to the ANU School of Art in the name of the ANU Emeritus Faculty.

5.3 Committee Procedures

Peter Stewart tabled a proposal which aimed to streamline Committee Procedures. The idea was approved and the Secretary was asked to submit the final wording to the next meeting for adoption.

6. Meeting Schedule

6 April, 4 May, I June, 6 July, 3 August, 7 September, 5 October, 2 November,30 November, **AGM** 7 December.

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ACTION SHEET

Name	Action	Status
GP:	Produce Action Sheet	Done
GP	Revise Constitution (Admin Details)	-
PSt	Draft Aims Document	First draft done

PMc	Extend Elective to Schools	Continuing
PMc	Develop Briefings with Nik F	Continuing
JS	ADFA Course	Continuing
JS	Solar Energy	Continuing
IM	Produce next 'News'	First draft done
VR	Enrol McGoldrick	Done
VR	Follow through on Mem Renewal	Continuing
GP	Canvas Mem on Excursion to Adelaide	-
GP	Complete Annual Report	-
GP	Pass on $5,000 to School of Art	-
GP	Codify Committee Procedures	-